

Tdap

NEW REQUIREMENT FOR 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Illinois now requires all students entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades to receive or show proof of receiving one dose of Tdap vaccine at the start of the 2013 school year. All students who have not already received Tdap are required to receive one Tdap dose regardless of the time since the last DTaP, DT, or Td dose.

What is Tdap?

Tdap is a vaccine against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (whooping cough). Illinois schools now require all children entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades to receive one Tdap dose, effective fall 2013.

How do I get my child a dose of Tdap by August 2013?

If your child has not received Tdap, it's important to get the dose as soon as possible. Contact your health care provider. McLean County Health Department can provide Tdap to McLean County children who are eligible for Vaccines For Children (VFC) vaccines. Please call 309-888-5455 to discuss eligibility or schedule an appointment.

Does my child need a Tdap dose?

Review your child's immunization card. All children received the DTaP/DTP/DT series before entering kindergarten, but Tdap and DTaP are not the same. DTaP is for children under 7 years old. Tdap is for adolescents 10 or older. Your child is now required to receive Tdap because the pertussis portion of the vaccine he or she received at a younger age has worn off.

{ Tdap: not the new slang
your kid is texting }



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